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SUBJECT:CONGRESSIONAL/TREASURY VISITS TO IFI PROJECTS EN-
ROUTE TO AND DURING ADB ANNUAL MEETING

1. WITH INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS PLAYING A CONTIN-
UING ROLE IN CHANNELLING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND IN VIEW OF SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FUNDING BEING
REQUESTED FROM THE CONGRESS, THIS PROJECT VISIT TRIP (IN
CONJUNCTION WITH CONGRESSIONAL PARTICIPATION IN U.S. DEL TO
ADB ANNUAL MEETING) IS PART OF BROAD EFFORT BY THE EXECUTIVE
BRANCH TO INCREASE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH
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INSTITUTIONS. TRIP THUS IS PART OF OVER-ALL CONSULTATIVE
PROCESS WITH CONGRESS. SINCE MEMBERS ARE ON COMMITTEES RE-
SPONSIBLE FOR IFI LEGISLATION, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO

HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT SEVERAL IFI PROJECTS DURING THE MEETING. FOCUS OF PROJECT VISITS IN AND AROUND MANILA WILL BE ON IFI OPERATIONS.

2. FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE, MOST APPROPRIATE IFI PROJECTS FOR SITE VISITS WOULD BE: INTERNATIONAL RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE (ADB); EDUCATION PROJECT (IBRD, 1964). OTHER PROJECTS COULD BE SELECTED FROM: PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT BANK AND SUB-BORROWERS (IBRD); MANILA WATER SUPPLY

(IBRD/ADB); BATAAN POWER (TWO PROJECTS - IBRD); FISHERIES PORT (ADB - 1971). PLEASE ADVISE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS SOONEST REGARDING (A) ACCESS TO PROJECTS AND AVAILABILITY OF BRIEFINGS BY BORROWERS AND/OR PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS AND GUIDED TOUR OF PROJECT; (B) TIME REQUIRED FOR EACH SITE VISIT, INCLUDING DISTANCE FROM HOTEL, AND; (C) AVAILABILITY OF BUS TRANSPORTATION. (EXPECT GROUP TO NUMBER 30-40. HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO TRANSPORT ENTIRE GROUP IN ONE BUS.) PLEASE SLUG RESPONSES FOR TREASURY: ZINMAN/GONZALEZ. KISSINGER

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